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In re Patent Application of:
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
Serial No. 09/197,534
Filed: November 23, 1998
For: LASER PROCESS

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Examiner: William D. Coleman
Group Art Unit: 2823

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRIOR INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 4,906,491 to Yamazaki was previously cited in a counterpart Chinese Patent Application on July 9, 2004.

In addition, it is respectfully requested that the correction of prior information disclosure statements filed on June 24, 2004 with the issue fee be acknowledged by the Examiner. A courtesy copy of the this filing is attached to assist the Examiner.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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Application No. 09/197,534

Docket No. 740756-1894

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (740756-1894).

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In reviewing the Notice of Allowance and considered PTO-1449s attached thereto, Applicants note minor typographical errors on the PTO-1449s submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements submitted on June 15, 2000 and December 10, 2003. Since these errors are only minor in nature, consideration of the underlying documents is not an issue.

Specifically, with regard to the IDS filed December 10, 2003, the named inventor for foreign patent document 1-283917 was listed as "Michihiko". While Michihiko is the given name of the named inventor, "Hasegawa" is the proper family name. The correct family name was provided in the Information Disclosure Statement of March 12, 2004 in which a complete translation of the document was provided. The correction is listed on the attached Corrected PTO-1449.

With regard to the Information Disclosure statement of June 15, 2000, the typographical errors and corrections are listed below as well as on the attached Corrected PTO-1449.

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,497,015, "Kanno et al." should be changed to "Konno et al.";

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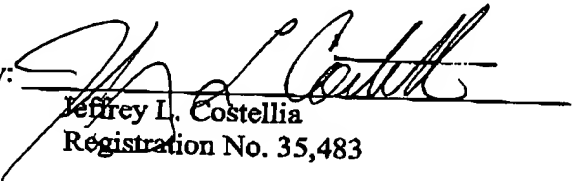
2. Foreign patent document 2255292 dated 07/01/91 should be changed to 2-255292 dated 10/16/1990;
3. Foreign patent document 1239837 dated 12/18/89 should be changed to 1-239837 dated 09/25/89
4. Non-Patent Literature document "Improving the Uniformity...", Kuriyama et al., pp.4450-4554 should be changed to "Improving the Uniformity...", Kuriyama et al., pp. 4550-4554;
5. Non-Patent Literature document "p-28: 3.7-in. Diagonal...", 550. SID 93 Digest should be changed to "p.-28: 3.7-in. Diagonal...", 550-553. SID 93 Digest;
6. Foreign patent document 5-8191420 dated 2/7/84 should be changed to 58-191420 dated 11/8/83;
7. Foreign patent document 5-8127318 dated 10/20/83 should be changed to 58-127318 dated 07/29/83.

It is requested that the Examining attorney mark through the incorrect citations on the Information Disclosure Statements filed on June 15, 2000 and December 10, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial a copy of the attached corrected PTO-1449 form and return it to the undersigned.

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		"Improving the Uniformity of Poly-Si Films Using a New Excimer Laser Annealing Method for Giant-Microelectronics", Hiroyuki Kuriyama et al., Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. Vol. 31, Part 1, No. 128, December 1992, pp. 4550-4554.	
		"p.-28: 3.7-8n.-Diagonal STN-LCD with Stripe Electrode Patterns Fabricated by an Excimer-Laser Scribing System" T. Konuma et al., Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., 550-553 SID 93 Digest.	

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